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Dear Ms. LaPlace and Mr. Jones:

This refers to our August 19, 1997, letter regarding Act No. 240 (1997), a 1994 deannexation, and the reconsideration of objections interposed by the Attorney General under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c, to provisions of other state acts mentioned in that letter and to more than 300 annexations to the Shreveport City Court in Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana.

Objections to more than 300 annexations to the Shreveport City Court were interposed by the Attorney General on September 6, 1994, September 11, 1995, December 11, 1995, October 24, 1996, April 11, 1997, and June 9, 1997. For the reasons stated in the August 19, 1997, letter, and pursuant to Section 51.48(b) of the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 (28 C.F.R.), these objections are hereby withdrawn. However, we note that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. See 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Sincerely,

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